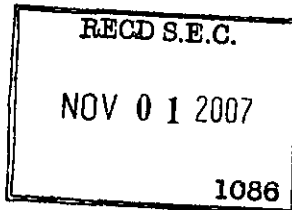


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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, (McMoRan Exploration Co., % Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on November 1, 2007. Tentative listing date - November 2, 2007.

Sincerely,

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